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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to palliative care.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 191.1075, 191.1080, and 191.1085, to read as follows:

191.1075. As used in sections 191.1075 to 191.1085, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Department", the department of health and senior services;

(2) "Health care professional", a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited, or certified by the state of Missouri to perform specified health services;

(3) "Hospital":

(a) A place devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis, treatment, or care of not less than twenty-four consecutive hours in any week of three or more nonrelated individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury, deformity, or other abnormal physical conditions; or

(b) A place devoted primarily to provide for not less than twenty-four consecutive hours in any week medical or nursing care for three or more unrelated individuals. "Hospital" does not include convalescent, nursing, shelter, or boarding homes as defined in chapter 198.

191.1080. 1. There is hereby created within the department of health and senior services the "Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council", which shall be a palliative care

4 consumer and professional information and education program to
5 improve quality and delivery of patient-centered and family-focused
6 care in this state.

7 2. On or before December 1, 2015, the following members shall be
8 appointed to the council:

9 (1) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president pro
10 tempore of the senate;

11 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by
12 the speaker of the house of representatives;

13 (3) Two board-certified hospice and palliative medicine
14 physicians licensed in this state, appointed by the governor with the
15 advice and consent of the senate;

16 (4) Two certified hospice and palliative nurses licensed in this
17 state, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
18 senate;

19 (5) A certified hospice and palliative social worker, appointed by
20 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;

21 (6) A patient and family caregiver advocate representative,
22 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;

23 (7) A spiritual professional with experience in palliative care and
24 health care, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of
25 the senate.

26 3. Council members shall serve for a term of three years. The
27 members of the council shall elect a chair and vice chair whose duties
28 shall be established by the council. The department shall determine a
29 time and place for regular meetings of the council, which shall meet at
30 least biannually.

31 4. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but
32 shall, subject to appropriations, be reimbursed for their actual and
33 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as
34 members of the council.

35 5. The council shall consult with and advise the department on
36 matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and
37 outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state,
38 including the palliative care consumer and professional information
39 and education program established in section 191.1085.

40 6. The council shall submit an annual report to the general

41 assembly which includes an assessment of the availability of palliative
42 care in this state for patients at early stages of serious disease and an
43 analysis of barriers to greater access to palliative care.

44 7. The council authorized under this section shall automatically
45 sunset August 28, 2025.

191.1085. 1. There is hereby established the "Palliative Care
2 Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program"
3 within the department of health and senior services.

4 2. The purpose of the program is to maximize the effectiveness
5 of palliative care in this state by ensuring that comprehensive and
6 accurate information and education about palliative care is available
7 to the public, health care providers, and health care facilities.

8 3. The department shall publish on its website information and
9 resources, including links to external resources, about palliative care
10 for the public, health care providers, and health care facilities,
11 including but not limited to:

12 (1) Continuing education opportunities for health care providers;

13 (2) Information about palliative care delivery in the home,
14 primary, secondary, and tertiary environments; and

15 (3) Consumer educational materials and referral information for
16 palliative care, including hospice.

17 4. Each hospital in this state is encouraged to have a palliative
18 care presence on their intranet or internet website. The palliative care
19 presence shall, at a minimum, provide a link to gold-standard
20 organizations, including but not limited to the Institute of Medicine,
21 the Center to Advance Palliative Care, the Supportive Care Coalition,
22 the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the American
23 Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and the National Institute
24 on Aging.

25 5. Each hospital in this state is encouraged to have patient
26 education information about palliative care available for distribution
27 to patients.

28 6. The department shall consult with the palliative care and
29 quality of life interdisciplinary council established in section 191.1080
30 in implementing the section.

31 7. The department may promulgate rules to implement the
32 provisions of sections 191.1075 to 191.1085. Any rule or portion of a

33 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under
34 the authority delegated in sections 191.1075 to 191.1085 shall become
35 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
36 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. Sections 191.1075 to
37 191.1085 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
38 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
39 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
40 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
41 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall
42 be invalid and void.

43 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23.253 to the
44 contrary, the program authorized under this section shall automatically
45 sunset on August 28, 2025.

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